IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

John H. Givens

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The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Final Office Action mailed February 26, 2008, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on May 26, 2008. This response is submitted on or before two months from the mailing date of the Final Office Action.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.